Reply to Office Action of May 9, 2006

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 23, and 27, and cancel claim 22, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A navigation assembly for use in a vehicle not originally equipped

with navigational capabilities, the navigation assembly comprising:

a portable navigational device; and

a mounting assembly for mounting on a support pillar of the vehicle and sized and

configured to removably receive the navigational device, wherein the

navigation device remains visible when received within the mounting

assembly and is functional as a navigation device both when received within

the mounting assembly and when being used independently of the mounting

assembly.

2. (Previously Presented) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the

navigational device is designed to be used independently of the vehicle rather than being

particularly sized and configured to fit an existing space within the vehicle.

3. (Original) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the support pillar is a

pillar directly above the vehicle's windshield.

4. (Original) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mounting

assembly includes -

a trim piece,

a base secured to the trim,

a docking station mounted within the base, and

a retractable face plate mounted within the docking station.

5. (Original) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 4, the mounting assembly further

including electrical connections for connecting the navigational device to a power source

and a data source supplied by the vehicle.

6. (Original) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein the docking station

includes a speaker for providing audible navigation instructions.

7. (Original) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the navigational device is a global positioning satellite device including -

a navigation component,

a processor coupled with the navigation component,

a memory coupled with the processor,

a display,

an input, and

a housing for housing the navigation component, the processor, and the memory.

8. (Withdrawn) A mounting assembly for mounting a conventional, portable navigational device in a vehicle not originally equipped with navigational capabilities, the mounting assembly comprising:

a base secured to trim covering a support pillar of the vehicle; and

a docking station mounted within the base and including a cut-out sized and configured to receive the navigational device.

(Withdrawn) The mounting assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the navigational device is not particularly sized and configured to fit an existing space within the vehicle.

10. (Withdrawn) The mounting assembly as claimed in claim 9. further including a

retractable face plate mounted within the docking station, such that when the navigational

device is mounted within the docking station, the retractable face plate will retract generally

flush with a rear face of the docking station, and when the navigational device is removed

from the docking station, the retractable face plate will retract forward, such that the plate is

generally flush with a front face of the docking station.

11. (Withdrawn) The mounting assembly as claimed in claim 10, wherein the support pillar

is a pillar directly above the vehicle's windshield.

12. (Withdrawn) The mounting assembly as claimed in claim 11, the mounting assembly

further including electrical connections for connecting the navigational device to a power

source and a data source supplied by the vehicle.

13. (Withdrawn) The mounting assembly as claimed in claim 12, wherein the docking

station includes a speaker for providing audible navigation instructions.

- 14. (Withdrawn) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the navigational device is a global positioning satellite device including
 - a navigation component,
 - a processor coupled with the navigation component,
 - a memory coupled with the processor,
 - a display,
 - an input, and
 - a housing for housing the navigation component, the processor, and the memory.
- 15. (Withdrawn) A method of providing navigational capabilities to a vehicle not originally equipped with such capabilities, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a portable navigational device;

- providing a mounting assembly, wherein the mounting assembly is sized and configured to removably receive the navigational device:
- removing trim from a support pillar of a vehicle, wherein the trim was installed during manufacture of the vehicle;
- providing substantially similar trim having the mounting assembly secured thereto; installing the trim on the support pillar of the vehicle; and
- removably mounting the navigational device in the mounting assembly.

16. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the navigational device is not

particularly sized and configured to fit an existing space in the vehicle.

17. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the mounting assembly

includes-

a base secured to the trim.

a docking station mounted within the base, and

a retractable face plate mounted within the docking station.

18. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 17, the mounting assembly further

including electrical connections for connecting the navigational device to a power source

and a data source supplied by the vehicle.

19. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the docking station includes a

speaker for providing audible navigation instructions.

20. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 19, wherein when the navigational device

is mounted within the docking station, the retractable face plate will retract generally flush $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right$

with a rear face of the docking station, and when the navigational device is removed from

the docking station, the retractable face plate will retract forward, such that the plate is

generally flush with a front face of the docking station.

21. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the navigational device is a global positioning satellite device including -

a navigation component,

a processor coupled with the navigation component,

a memory coupled with the processor,

a display,

an input, and

a housing for housing the navigation component, the processor, and the memory.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support pillar runs along and directly above the vehicle's windshield.

24. (Previously Presented) A navigation assembly for use in a vehicle not originally

equipped with navigational capabilities, the navigation assembly comprising:

a stand-alone hand-held portable navigational device; and

a mounting assembly for mounting on an existing support pillar of the vehicle and

sized and configured to mate with the support pillar and removably receive

the navigational device, such that the navigation device remains visible and

fully functional when received within the mounting assembly.

25. (Previously Presented) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 24, wherein the

navigational device is designed to be used independently of the vehicle rather than being

particularly sized and configured to fit an existing space within the vehicle.

26. (Previously Presented) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 24, wherein the

support pillar is a pillar directly above and runs along the vehicle's windshield.

27. (Currently Amended) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 24, wherein the

mounting assembly includes -

a trim piece,

a base secured to the trim.

a docking station mounted within the base and designed to conform to the shape of

the navigation device, and

a retractable face plate mounted within the docking station and operable to retract

when the navigation device is received within the docking station and extend

when the navigation device is removed from the docking station, thereby

covering the void left by in the docking station.

28. (Previously Presented) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 27, wherein the

docking station includes a speaker for providing audible navigation instructions.

29. (Previously Presented) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 24, wherein the

mounting assembly includes electrical connections for connecting the navigational device

to a power source and a data source supplied by the vehicle.

30. (Previously Presented) The navigation assembly as claimed in claim 24, wherein the navigational device is a global positioning satellite device including -

a navigation component,

a processor coupled with the navigation component,

a memory coupled with the processor,

a display,

an input, and

a housing for housing the navigation component, the processor, and the memory.